

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please update the claims in accordance with the claim listing found below.

CLAIMS:

We claim:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) An interfering ribonucleic acid (iRNA) oligonucleotide ~~comprising~~ consisting of from 15 to 60 nucleotides, which are complementary to nucleotides of a corresponding portion of the sequence SEQ ID No. 21 and which inhibits the expression of OB-RGRP.

13. (Original) The oligonucleotide as claimed in claim 12, which is a double-stranded RNA.

14. (Previously presented) A vector expressing an incorporating the oligonucleotide as claimed in one of claims 12 or 13.

15. (Previously presented) A cell containing the vector as claimed in claim 14.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) A composition containing the oligonucleotide, as claimed in one of claims 12 or 13 and acceptable excipients.

18-46. (Canceled)

47. (Previously presented) A composition containing a vector as claimed in claim 14 and acceptable excipients.

48. (Previously presented) A composition containing a cell as claimed in claim 15 and acceptable excipients.